

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ROBERT EVANS, 591 Parkway Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Crown Filling Station, directly across from the SCLC Headquarters on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, and he advised he recalls seeing two white men using a phone booth at the station on the day before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. EVANS said that he would place the time that he witnessed these individuals in the phone booth at between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. He stated he was playing checkers at the station, sitting almost in front of the phone booths used by the men, but that he cannot remember the identity of the person with whom he was playing checkers. He said he recalls seeing these men at the phone booth and one man seemed to be writing something on a pad and the other man was making one or more telephone calls.

EVANS said that during the time these men were in the phone booth, someone in the group around the station stated, "There goes Dr. KING." He said that the two men in the booth came out, walked across the driveway to nearly the center of the driveway, and looked at Dr. KING as he was walking down Hilliard Street from the South side of Auburn Avenue, where he apparently had parked his car across Auburn Avenue. KING entered the most westerly entrance of the SCLC Headquarters.

EVANS said that as he observed these men watching Dr. KING, the thought crossed his mind that they must not know Dr. KING, since his appearance in that area would not have created much interest because most of the people in the area knew who he was. He said he also thought to himself as he saw Dr. KING walking across the street that Dr. KING was probably getting ready to go to Memphis, because he knew Dr. KING was to be in Memphis the following day.

EVANS said that he would attempt to try to recall who was in the group at the filling station when this incident took place, but that he did not think he would be able to remember their identities.

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EVANS added he believes ALDEN ALLEN is one of the persons who were at the station at the time of this incident, but he is not sure.

EVANS furnished the following description of the two individuals:

(1) A white male, age 30, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, 140 to 150 pounds, wore a hat. EVANS said he could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

(2) A white male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, to 5 feet 9 inches tall, 140 pounds, hair light brown. EVANS said he could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

EVANS said he noted that when the men left the station they walked first in an easterly direction which would be toward downtown, and then turned at about the edge of the filling station lot at Auburn Avenue and went in a westerly direction on Auburn Avenue, walking out of sight. EVANS was sure he did not see these individuals get into a car or see a car in the filling station parking lot appearing to be connected with them.